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National Security Decision Memorandum 97

TO:

The Members of the National Security Council

The Attorney General

The Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency

The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT:

Safeguard Review

As a result of the review of the Safeguard program conducted by the National Security Council I have decided, on the following Safeguard Program subject to Congressional authorization where required:

- 1. Continue construction at the sites at Grand Forks, North Dakota and Malmstrom, Montana.
- 2. Commence (in 1971) the construction already authorized for the site at Whiteman, Missouri.
- 3. Begin (in 1972) advance preparation on the National Command Authority defense at Washington, D. C. or construction on the site at Warren, Wyoming. I will decide between these alternatives based upon a review of developments in SALT.

To insure a clear and coherent presentation of my decision in connection with the budget I direct that an interagency coordinating committee be formed under the direction of a representative of the Secretary of Defense with membership composed of representatives from appropriate agencies and appropriate elements of the Executive Office of the President.

cc: The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
The Senior Members, U.S. Delegation
to the Strategic Arms Limitations Talks

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